HOUSE BILL 2946

By Williams K

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 54, Chapter 11, Part 2 and Title 55, Chapter 8, relative to offenses involving bridges.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 8, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section:

55-8-___.

- (a) No person shall jump, or otherwise intentionally cause himself or herself to fall, from the deck or railing of any bridge into the area that such bridge spans, if the bridge is located on a highway and the height of such bridge is twenty feet (20') or greater from the deck of the bridge to the lowest point of the surface area that the bridge spans.
- (b) A violation of this section is a Class C misdemeanor punishable by fine only, not to exceed fifty dollars (\$50.00).

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012, the public welfare requiring it.